

National Garden Clubs (https://www.gardenclub.org/) Plant-A-Tree

Planting Trees and Saving Forests

For many years, National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the USDA Forest Service have maintained a partnership sustaining our national forests through the Plant-A-Tree program. Plant-A-Tree, formerly known as Penny Pines, is a reforestation and forest education program.

Your garden club can participate by contributing to this meaningful conservation project. All contributions help the Forest Service to plant trees across the national forest system where reforestation is needed most —the places most impacted by wildfires, flooding, drought, and other forest disturbances.

From Penny Pines to Plant-A-Tree

As some of you may already be familiar with this program when it was called Penny Pines, the new name "Plant-A-Tree" better reflects the program's mission and will help us reach a wider audience.

Additionally, we are also making changes to the donation process to make it more accessible and userfriendly. Even if you are already familiar with the original Penny Pines program, please read through the changes below.

- **Q1 DONATION AMOUNT** Previously, we required donations in increments of \$68.00. Donors can now contribute any amount, starting from as little as \$50.00 to as large as \$10,000.00. This change provides greater flexibility for donors and enables a wider range of people to participate in the program.
- **Q2 CERTIFICATES** As of May 31st, 2025, we will no longer be providing mailed certificates to donors. In an effort to "Go Green," we will be offering digital certificates that donors can customize and print out themselves. We kindly ask that all donors provide their email address (even if donating by check) so that we can electronically send out tax receipts and online certificate links/instructions. We assure you that your privacy and personal information will be handled with the utmost care and security.
- **03 DONATING TO SPECIFIED FORESTS** When donating, you may choose to have your donation go to where it's most needed or you may select a National Forest; however, the Forest Service reserves the right to utilize funds based on need. If you specify a National Forest where there is no tree planting need, then the donation may be used for planting trees on another forest. *Please note, individual plantings will not be identified per donor (ex: if you donate to a forest, you would be unable to locate a specific tree that you helped donate).

We understand that these changes may raise questions or concerns, and we want to assure you that we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for our valued donors. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or if you need assistance with the new donation process.

Once again, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support and dedication to our reforestation efforts. Your contributions make a real and lasting impact, and we are honored to have you as part of our garden club community and are grateful for your partnership in this important work.

States, regions, districts, clubs, and/or individuals may participate in this program. Please note, a \$50.00 minimum is required with each donation.

How to Participate

DONATE ONLINE

<u>Please CLICK HERE to donate online (https://form.jotform.com/242136090115142)</u>. Donating online is the preferred way of donating as it is a great way to reduce paper waste. For online donations, we accept Debit Card, Credit Card, PayPal, and Venmo.

DONATE BY MAIL

For for those who still wish to donate by check, please <u>CLICK HERE (/sites/default/files/2024-09/ngc-plant-a-tree-donation-form-8-2024.pdf)</u> or use the link below to access the paper form. Mail in the completed form with a check to the address below. Members can also visit our *forms library* (the direct link is at the bottom of any webpage of gardenclub.org) to find the Plant-A-Tree paper donation form.

ALL contributions must be a minimum of \$50.00—donations may be made <u>online</u> (<u>https://form.jotform.com/242136090115142</u>), or by <u>check (/sites/default/files/2024-09/ngc-plant-a-tree-donation-form-8-2024.pdf</u>) made payable to "NGC Plant-A-Tree" and mailed to:

National Garden Clubs, Inc. National Headquarters 4401 Magnolia Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110-3492

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<u>Click HERE to download the fillable Plant-A-Tree form. (/sites/default/files/2024-09/ngc-plant-a-tree-donation-form-8-2024.pdf)</u>

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